Minutes of a Town Council meeting held May 19th, AD 2011 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Fred M. Bodington, III; Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Absent: Charles N. Appleton, Jr. Also in attendance: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve, as written the May 5, 2011 Town Council meeting minutes.

## **Announcements:**

1. Letters of interest will be received until June 9, 2011 for the following upcoming vacancies:

LC Agricultural Conservancy Trustee (1) 5 year term

Pension Committee members at large (3) annual appointment

Auditorium-Gymnasium Committee member (1) 3 year term

Conservation Commission (1) unexpired term

Harbor Master/Commissioner of Wrecks (1) annual appointment

Asst. Harbor Master (1) annual appointment

LC Housing Trust – Trustee (1) unexpired term

Probate Judge – (1) 2 year term

Zoning Board of Review (1) regular (1) alternate 5 year terms

- 2. The Town will be conducting a Medical Emergency Distribution drill on June 29th from 9:30 am to noon at the Wilbur-McMahon School. This allows the town to be prepared for any future needs to distribute medicine on a town wide basis. This system was used statewide to distribute the flu vaccine during the H1N1 outbreak.
- 3. The temporary plug placed in the drain located at the maintenance garage dislodged. An abundance of storm water drain off was discharged into the wastewater treatment facility today during the heavy rain. A permanent drain plug will be installed in order to attempt to solve the storm water drainage issue.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Fire Department Head report for April 2011.

The General Assembly has informed RI Dept. of Education (RIDE) that they should exercise caution regarding any school building project reimbursable assistance they may want to offer. The word "moratorium" was used when delivering this information. The School Committee will need to further investigate their options for funding.

Councilor Mushen asked his fellow Councilors to consider petitioning RI Dept. of Environmental Management to use a portion of the Passive Grant Funds towards the construction of a portion of the Dundery Brook Walking Trail Project. He asked to consider funding partially the portion which would be located on town property. Don McNaught noted that approximately 15% of the project trail is located on town owned property and that 80% of the overall project funds have been raised to date. The Passive Grant would allow for this type of use and would simply require authorization from RI Dept. of Environmental Management to amend the existing use. Receiving a positive opinion on the subject Councilor Mushen noted that he would investigate the subject further and report at a future meeting of that status.

No actions were required based on the results of the Annual Financial Town Meeting.

The Town Clerk received a single bid for the spring roadside mowing proposal. After a brief discussion the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To award the bid for spring roadside mowing to Joseph Rego in the amount of \$4,300, contingent upon the successful review of the Highway Supervisor.

A notation was made that the Town has received an energy savings reimbursable grant to undertake actions to save the town on energy expenses. This grant has a cap \$40,000 of which \$1,500 will be deducted due to a bill listed on tonight's agenda that covers the audit expense. Based on a review of a Thermal Energy Site Assessment conducted by RISE Engineering the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize Councilors Mushen and Golembeske to coordinate the following reimbursable energy savings actions in stages seeking reimbursement prior to expending new funds for the next authorized action:

- 1) Direct the Town's plumber to shift the hot water system presently in place in the Town Hall to electric heated hot water only and to change the boiler heating system to a cold start system.
- 2) To insulate the primary attic of the Town Hall (Council chambers)
- 3) To insulate the attic of the Kitchen area of the Town Hall
- 4) To insulate the crawlspace of the Town Hall

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To acknowledge a resignation received from part-time public safety dispatcher Jason DaSilva and to approve the recommendation of the Police Chief to appoint Michael O'Brien to fill

this part-time public safety dispatcher vacancy with a salary as set forth in the agreement between the Town of Little Compton and the LC Municipal Employees Union NEARI.

Councilor Mushen informed his fellow Councilors of a proposal made by the Friends of the Little Compton Nursing Association to partner with the Town regarding the use of the senior van in exchange for some monetary value to be negotiated. A joint meeting was held with the President of the Friends of the LC Nursing Association, a representative of Cornerstone Adult Services (Adult Daycare), Francisco Silva and the Council President. Councilor Golembeske stated that the proposal meets the primary mission of the use of the van. Various aspects of the proposal will still need to be worked out if the Council is agreeable to this proposal. After a brief discussion the following was voted:

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To support the concept proposed to share the use of the Town owned senior citizen van with the Friends of the Little Compton Nursing Association to transport Little Compton senior citizens to the daycare facility located on East Main Road, contingent upon successfully working through scheduling, drivers and insurance needs.

At 7:35 PM the Town Council sitting as the Board of License

## Commissioners voted the following:

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Mushen, voting in favor (Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting: To grant a Class F-1 one day Beverage License to the Little Compton Game Club for a clambake to be held on June 5, 2011 at the John Dyer Road Facility.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a letter received from Roz Raish advising the Council of a Walk for Waldenstrom's to be held on September 17, 2011 for the benefit of Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To refer to the Fireworks Committee a request received from Dwayne Davis of S & S Novelty to sell children's toys and novelty items at the Chicken Barbeque and Fireworks Celebration on August 6th with the proviso that the Fireworks Committee can authorize a Peddler's License for said individual should they decide to grant his request.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To acknowledge an invitation to participate in

the Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the American Legion on May 30, 2011 and to supply the coordinators with a copy of the State of RI Dept. of Transportation's Parade/Event Permit application which is now required to be completed for any use of State roads.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file a letter received from Keith W. Stokes, Executive Director RI Economic Development Corporation concerning "Project Status" a state incentive program to draw companies to Rhode Island.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the consent calendar as follows:

- 1. Copy of a rescheduled Notice of Hearing sent to Robin L. Main, Esq. RE: Quaker Hill Farm Water Qualification Certification File No. 11-004 new hearing date of June 8, 2011
- 2. Copy of a letter addressed to Harold Devine, Little Compton Schools from the Income Support Division of RI Dept. of Labor and Training concerning streamlining the process for Unemployment Insurance Claims.
- 3. Copy of a resolution adopted by the South Kingstown School Department opposing mandatory continuation of existing teacher

collective bargaining agreements

- 4. Letter received from the Providence City Council President seeking support of House bill 5785 that would require non-profit hospitals and universities to pay 25 percent of the assessed property taxes to their municipality.
- 5. Copy of a letter from Jack Crook, President LC Volunteer Fire Department to Robert Mushen, Town Council President agreeing to meet to compose a list of Volunteer owned property that they believe is in the Town's possession.
- 6. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Cumberland School Committee opposing mandatory binding arbitration
- 7. Copy of a resolution adopted by the Cumberland School Committee supporting a June 1 layoff notice date as provided in Senate Bill 2011-1 007
- 8. Copy of two resolutions adopted by the Bristol Warren Regional School District, 1) opposing mandatory contract continuation 2) opposing mandatory binding arbitration

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second from Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and allowed paid, contingent upon allowing the Council President and Vice-President to attempt to seek a discount to the Otis Elevator maintenance agreement bill: \$33,863.81

FSP Books & Videos - Fire Dept. \$390.00

LexisNexis Matthew Bender - Fire Dept. \$67.10

Firematic Supply Co. Inc. - Fire Dept. \$42.00

Kevin's Auto Parts Inc. - Fire Dept. \$22.74

Comstar - Fire Dept. \$467.63

Wilbur's General Store - Fire Dept. \$33.23

Cox Communication - Fire Dept. \$172.13

**Industrial Communications - Fire Dept. \$915.00** 

**BoundTree Medical - Fire Dept. \$16.56** 

**BoundTree Medical - Fire Dept. \$33.12** 

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**Industrial Communications - Fire Dept. \$356.50** 

Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$133.68 \$2,682.81

Nationalgrid - Public Safety at Transfer Station \$411.85

Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$61.05

Nationalgrid - Peckham Lot \$24.85

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$18.73

Nationalgrid - 32 Commons meeting hall \$32.88

Nationalgrid - IOOF \$46.75

Nationalgrid - Adamsville street lights \$66.41

Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$505.51

Eastbay Newspapers - misc departments \$662.05

Eastbay Newspapers - Probate \$40.00

Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$325.24

Maryjane Harrington - Treasurer \$14.28

Direct Mail Manager Inc. - Budget Committee \$917.37

**Laura Rom - Planning Board** \$56.00

**Laura Rom - Zoning Board** \$42.00

Laura Rom - Building Official \$259.00

Sani-kan - port-a-jons \$181.90

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McGeough's Turf Management Inc. - Maintenance \$169.00

Wilbur's General Store - Maintenance \$11.59

Wilbur's General Store - Town Hall \$6.64

Postmaster - Budget Committee \$185.00

Cox Communication - Town Hall \$249.78

Cox Communication - Computer \$252.00

Valcourt Heating Inc. - Maintenance \$800.00

Allied Waste - Transfer Station \$5,500.00

Petro - 30 Commons maintenance \$963.88

A T & T - Transfer Station \$44.15

Paul's Press - Budget Committee \$2,287.80

United Site Services Northeast, Inc. - Transfer Station \$115.00

East Repair Inc. - Senior Busing \$706.62

**Petro - Diesel** \$1,061.69

Poland Spring - Town Hall \$34.62

Poland Spring - Maintenance \$28.65

David S. Elwell - Drug Forfeiture \$229.99

**Rhode Island Attorney General - Drug Forfeiture \$30.00** 

Vic's Car Wash - Drug Forfeiture \$9.50

**Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$499.67** 

Rob's Auto Care - Drug Forfeiture \$518.38 \$1,287.54

**Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$126.95** 

Cox Communication/Telephone - Police Dept. \$376.28

Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$390.00

Wilbur's General Store - Police Dept. \$8.62

Lyle Katseff - Police Dept. \$515.00

Roger Williams University - Police Dept. \$170.00 \$1,586.85

**Verizon Wireless - Building Official** \$39.40

**Verizon Wireless - Maintenance** \$34.22

Wilkie Excavating Inc. - Transfer Station \$110.00

RISE Engineering - Reimbursable grant expense \$1,500.00

Richard S Humphrey - legal services \$580.00

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KTR Maintenance & Supply - Town Hall \$49.86

**Board Canvassers workers FTM** \$512.50

Richard S Humphrey - legal services \$754.00

McGeough's Turf Management Inc. - Maintenance \$375.00

**Kevin's Auto Parts Inc. - Maintenance** \$28.37

**ACS - Town Clerk** \$1,299.00

\*Otis Elevator - Town Hall \$5,023.45

Petro - 32 Commons IOOF \$189.07

Motion made by Councilor Bodington, receiving a second from Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 7:41 PM.

**Carol A Wordell** 

## **Town Clerk**